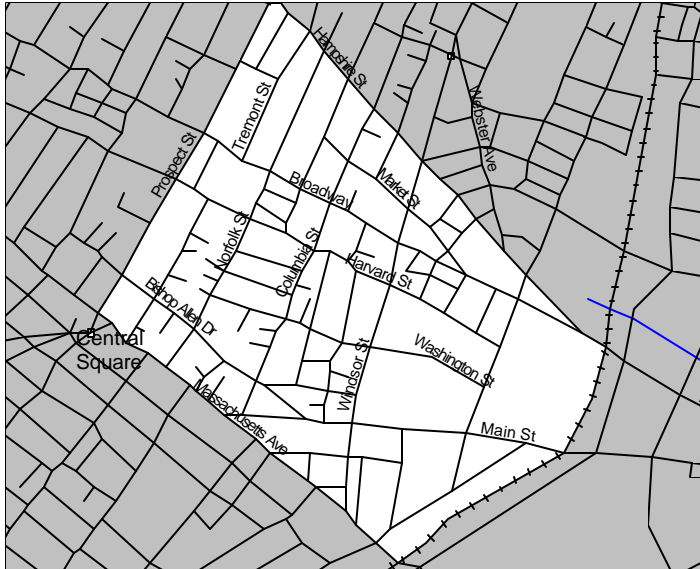
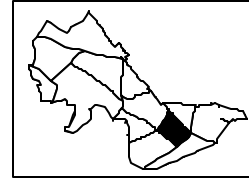


# NEIGHBORHOOD 4

## AREA 4



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

**POPULATION:** 6,560 residents  
2,523 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and parts of Central square walking route 10X.

### 2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Three different apartment buildings were victim to more than one **housebreak** during the past three months. Norfolk St. Harvard St., and Columbia St. hosted these breaks, which occurred overnight and resulted in the loss of laptop computers, jewelry, and cash. • Of the 18 **street robberies** this quarter, there have been no arrests. Seven out of the eighteen incidents were done with the use of force, including a knife and/or gun. • The parking lot on Main St. has hosted five **auto thefts**, three of which occurred over the past three months. Bishop Allen Drive and Broadway saw most of the activity, accounting for 22 of the 64 incidents in Area 4. • Where auto theft decreases, **larcenies from motor vehicles** usually follow, as it did this quarter. These larcenies usually occur overnight and entrance to the MVs is usually gained by breaking a window, tampering with the door lock, and/or prying open the car door. • Sixty-five of the **malicious destruction** episodes involved motor vehicles and the damage done to them. Means of destruction included pin striping or 'keying', tire slashing, and/or breaking car windows, etc. • The number of **drug arrests** have dropped off in 2001. The continuing decline in numbers is partly due to the reaction of citizen complaints in 2000.

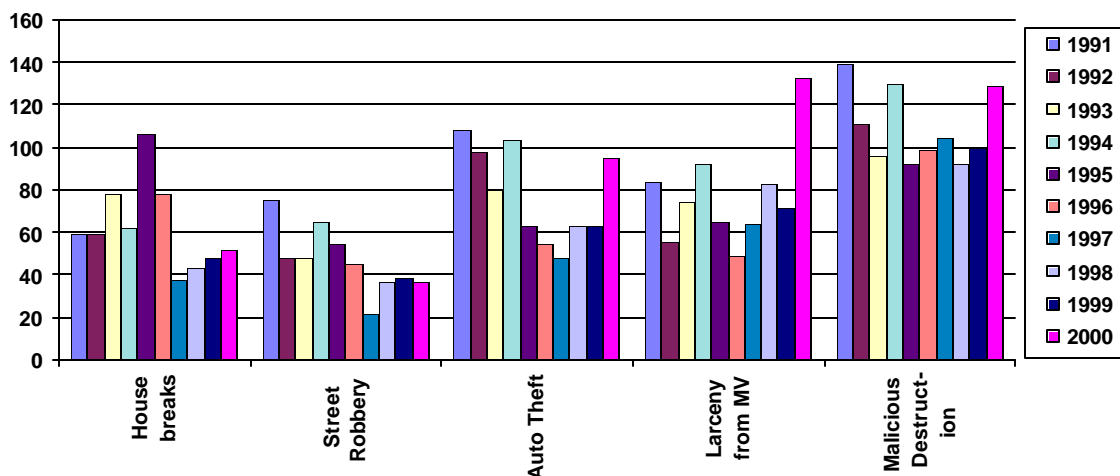
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2000	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	40	54	+ 35%
Street Robbery	23	18	- 22%
Auto Theft	69	64	- 7%
Larceny from MVs	88	82	- 7%
Malicious Destruction	97	97	N/A
Drug Arrests	23	17	- 26%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a less than average residential population (among Cambridge neighborhoods), coupled with a series of commercial establishments lining Massachusetts Avenue. Multi-family homes, as well as large apartment buildings, and 2 public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms) distinguish this neighborhood from all others.

- As the numbers denote, Area 4 has earned the top rank among all 13 neighborhoods for street robbery over the past 20 years. The most recent incidents (i.e., those occurring between October and December of 2000) totaled 13.
- In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and thorough policing by the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in preventing many potential drug incidents in the neighborhood's residential areas.
- Area 4 **housebreaks** have increasingly rated higher than average, moving from the fifth to the third highest rank among Cambridge neighborhoods over the past 20 years. Area 4 is often a prime target, due to its high population density in residential areas. In both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4, The Crime Analysis Unit identifies several discernable housebreak patterns that emerge throughout each year.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	101	5	59	4	2
Street Robbery	75	1	48	1	1
Auto Theft	147	3	78	3	1
Larceny from MVs	134	2	77	4	1
Malicious Destruction	131	3	109	4	1